



## **ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT**

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**WSBK-TV Boston**

**WSBK-TV/TV38 – Boston, MA**  
**Quarterly Issues/Program List**  
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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

**PROGRAM INDEX**

TV38 News – TV38 News is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Chris May and Sara Underwood, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community.  
Airs: Monday-Friday at 9:00 p.m.  
Duration: 30 minutes

## Political

07/03/07-The number of candidates running for the “At large” seat on the Boston City Council is generating the need for a primary run-off election which will cost the city a half a million dollars in un-budgeted dollars. This report looks into the race and explores if there are alternatives to having a primary.

07/04/07- This report is about the fact that cable bills may be going up due to the fact that the FCC is trying to open competition. Costs will be passed along to the consumer.

07/10/07- A report on the findings of the federal investigation looking into the Big Dig Tunnel collapse that claimed the life of one person. The investigation found that the adhesive used to hold up the tunnel ceiling panels couldn't withstand the weight over a long period of time. The investigation also placed fault with the tunnel developers.

07/11/07- A report on the state's efforts to help residents hold onto their homes after the sub-prime mortgage fiasco.

07/12/07- A report that mayor Menino is ready to make a deal with the Wampanoag Indian tribe to open a gambling casino in East Boston.

07/13/07 A report on Hillary and Bill Clinton's visit to New Hampshire where Hillary Clinton campaigned for president. Also, the report included Senator John McCain's visit to the Granite State.

07/16/07- A report that insurance competition is coming to Massachusetts, currently the only state that doesn't allow market based auto insurance rates.

07/17/07- A report on what it means to consumers for the stock market to hit the 14,000 mark.

07/31/07- A report that Democratic Senator Amy Klobacher, Republican Lamar Alexander and Independent Joe Lieberman team up for a tri-partisan proposal to change the current presidential primary system.

08/06/07- A report analyzing the governor's new spending plan and from where the money will come.

08/09/07 A report that the 2008 New Hampshire Primary could move to the year 2007 in order to keep its “first in the nation” status.

| 08/09/07- A report on the Democratic presidential candidates and their debate, which focused solely on the issue of gay rights.

08/13/07- A report that a Worcester city councilor, Gary Rosen, is proposing that resident students pay a \$99 fee to go to college in that city. The fee would help raise needed funds to the tune of twenty thousand dollars.

08/26/07- The five Democratic candidates in the Fifth Congressional District primary meet to debate, discussing the impact of lobbyists on the political process, the effects of negative campaigning, US foreign policy, and economic development in the district. Candidates are: City councilor Eileen Donoghue (Lowell), State Representatives James Eldridge (Acton), Barry Feingold (Andover) and Jim Miceli (Wilmington), and academic administrator, Niki Tsongas of Lowell.

09/17/07-Report that Governor Deval Patrick threw his support behind legalized casino gambling for Massachusetts. His says his plan for building three casinos in the state will create twenty thousand permanent jobs.

09/20/07- A report on the political debate surrounding a bio-lab that is set to open in a busy Boston neighborhood.

09/25/07-A report that Massachusetts's elementary and middle school students scored the first in the nation in three of the four exams on the National Assessment of Education Progress test, part of the No Child Left Behind act. The goal of the No Child Left Behind act is to have all children reading and doing math at grade level by the year 2014.

### Health & Medical

07/04/07- This report is about a new study out of Columbia University finding that nearly one third of all Americans abuse alcohol or become dependent on alcohol at one point in their lives.

07/05/07- A report on a new study showing that people taking flights longer than three hours can suffer from altitude sickness. Doctors blame the problem on dehydration and encourage fliers to drink more non-alcoholic fluids.

07/06/07- A report that Bristol county plans to intensify its mosquito control program after becoming the first place in the state where the triple E virus was found this year.

07/07/07- A report that the first ever skin patch for treating Alzheimer's disease was approved by the FDA. The patch can help some patients avoid side effects that go along with swallowing a pill.

07/11/07- A report that Massachusetts could become the first state to ban trans fats from restaurants, state-wide.

07/17/07- A new government report that says that eating lots of vegetables and fruits will not keep women free of breast cancer.

07/24/07- A report that a Senate committee is pushing to give the FDA power to take on tobacco regulation. Senator Ted Kennedy is pushing for the legislation in response to a 2000 Supreme Court saying the FDA didn't have the power to regulate that industry.

07/30/07- A report that the Brigham and Women's Hospital, known for groundbreaking surgeries, announced that the hospital is on its way to performing the first ever face transplant surgery in the United States.

8/16/07- A report that a 35 year old un-identified woman had been admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital with a rare case of a flesh eating bacteria.

08/24/07 The first human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts is reported. We look into what viewers can do to protect themselves from getting the virus.

09/05/07- A report about how health concerns have two well known brands of popcorn changing their recipes. Orville Redenbacher and Act 2 will stop using a flavor chemical linked to lung problems among popcorn workers.

09/06/07- A report that teen suicide among young girls ages 10-14 has jumped to its highest rate in fifteen years. We look at the warning signs.

09/12/07- A report explores if a company should pay employees to encourage them to lose weight or stop smoking in order to be healthy and eventually bring down health insurance costs.

09/24/07- A report by British Researchers that people who do not get enough sleep are two times as likely to die of heart disease. The study, published in the current issue of "Hypertension" finds that lack of sleep is linked to higher blood pressure which raises the chance of heart attacks and stroke.

09/26/07- A report that Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa filed a bill to ban sports drinks and sweetened waters from schools. Health officials say the drinks contain enough sugar and calories to give them "junk food" status.

### Law/Safety & Security

07/02/07- As a terrorist plot unfolds in London, this report looks at Senator Joe Lieberman's call for more surveillance cameras in public spaces. The report also has the ACLU questioning if we are creating a society where "Big Brother" is watching you all the time, thereby losing our right to privacy.

07/05/07- A report on a brutal case of child abuse. A three year old child was mutilated when her mother's boyfriend bit off a piece of the child's lip and ear. The abuse apparently was going on for several months. The child will be permanently disfigured.

07/21/07- A report that Boston is one of only four major cities considering a so-called "gun offender registry." The report examined both the pros and cons of this program.

07/27/07- Following a bizarre accident, caused when a storm drain flew through the windshield of a man's car, seriously injuring him, we look into the Highway Department's systems to make sure that this doesn't happen again.

08/01/07- Following breaking news of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, we report on the condition of aging bridges here in the Bay State.

08/02/07- A report on new technology that allows police the ability to hear gunshots as they are being fired. As a result, the police should be able to react to crimes more quickly.

08/03/07- A report on new laws that help to protect consumers against identity theft breaches.

| 08/14/07- A report on a massive re-call by toymaker Mattel. The toys were contaminated with lead paint.

08/22/07- Physical assaults and violence against hospital nurses are becoming a national trend. We go to Brockton Hospital where the problem is out of hand.

| 08/23/07 A report on a breach of security on the job website "Monster." The security breach is called "phishing." The thief gets information like what college you went to, what are your hobbies and then the thief lures you with an email. We give viewers ways to protect against this type of theft.

09/04/07-Foreclosures in the state of Massachusetts are at a record high. We report that on a new program that would make it more difficult for lenders to make risky loans in the first place. The state's Attorney General announced this program.

09/10/07- In the wake of a major toy recall, we report that two toy makers, Walt Disney Company and Mattel, are taking matters into their own hands by conducting their own safety tests on toys using their name and made in foreign countries

09/11/07-On the sixth anniversary of 9/11, our report looks at the question if we are safer today than we were six years ago.

09/14/07- A report that two different car makes issued recalls. Chrysler recalls 300 thousand SUVs with potential breaking problems. Honda recalls 180 thousand Civics that need to have a leaking wheel bearing seal fixed.

09/18/07- Brandeis University agrees to arm its guard with guns. Our report shows how this is a growing trend on college campuses.

09/21/07-A report that that a certain type of baby crib has been recalled following the death of three infants.

### Community/Culture

07/06/07- A report on a random act of kindness. Someone in the town of Hopkinton has been leaving envelopes filled with cash on the doorstep of a single mother of two teenagers.

07/13/07- A report on a singer whose voice was threatened to be silenced by throat cancer, but, after two years of successful treatment, was singing the National Anthem at Fenway Park.

07/18/07 A report on the National Braille Press in Boston. The company is responsible for printing the latest Harry Potter book in Braille and for the first time, the Braille will be released at the same time as the latest Harry Potter book, not three weeks later.

07/19/07- A report that Amherst College will no longer give out financial aid. All students will be given scholarship money instead of aid money. Amherst College feels this system will attract many middle class students who don't want the burden of paying back loans after college.

07/20/07- A report on Harry Potter mania as hundreds in Harvard Square await the book to go on sale at midnight.

08/10/07- A report on what the Massachusetts "tax free" weekend really costs the consumer. The report raises the issue that it is another way that residents get into further credit card debt.

08/16/07- A report on an inner-city summer jobs program where kids use their creativity to create murals throughout the city of Boston.

8/21/07- A report on the Walpole Little League who had made it into the finals for the Little League World Championship.

08/27/07- A report on the declining home market sales.

08/29/07- A report that the poverty rate in the United States is on the decline. That isn't necessary true for folks in Massachusetts. We meet one woman who has worked her entire life and is still living below the poverty level.

09/03/07-When Regis college students returned to classes, a milestone was marked. We reported that for the first time, men are attending classes at this formerly all women's college.

09/13/07- A report that the Bank of America is raising fees for accessing money at its ATM's if you don't have a an account with Bank of America.

09/19/07- A report that a Brookline Mom lost her court battle over breast feeding. The medical student wanted a longer break during her mandatory medical exams so that she could nurse her child.

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